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Children with autism have a disability in social communication and interaction. They are alone - cut off from our world. If children with autism receive significant interventions before age six they can learn to communicate. They will enter our world and be able to live in society. These therapies include speech and occupational therapy as well as direct ABA therapy.

The average child with autism is diagnosed at age three years. Therefore, when I diagnose a child with autism, their parents have no time to waste. They have to get therapy for their child. They have usually been paying for medical insurance for just such a catastrophe. But then they find that despite paying for insurance, they have to pay out of pocket for their therapies. Furthermore they have no time to waste. Very few can afford the therapy, so they either go into debt or forego therapy and thus miss intervention during this critical time of development.

ABA is the most effective therapy, and neither public nor private insurance, funds ABA. Children who receive ABA intervention have the best chance of being mainstreamed in school and society. That saves money by avoiding special education and public support as adults.

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